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CHURCH OF ENGLAND NAMES FIRST FEMALE ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY

The Church of England on Friday named Sarah Mullally as the next Archbishop of Canterbury, the first woman to hold the 1,400-year-old office

TO LEAD 85 MN ANGLICANS IN 165 COUNTRIES

As the principal leader of the Church of England, Mullally, 63, will now lead 85 million Anglicans across 165 countries. She will replace Justin Welby, who resigned last year over a child abuse cover-up scandal. Mullally is a former cancer nurse who worked as the UK government's Chief Nursing Officer for England in the early 2000s. She became a priest in 2006 | P12

TO OFFICIALLY TAKE CHARGE IN MARCH 2026

Mullally will be known as Archbishop of Canterbury-designate till she is confirmed in January 2026 and officially takes charge in March
■ She may face opposition from conservative churches in Africa and Asia, which rejected the reforms introduced a decade ago that made it possible for a woman to become the Archbishop of Canterbury

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WHEN MULLALLY WAS APPOINTED THE FIRST WOMAN BISHOP OF LONDON

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TJS, THAT LEGEND DOWN THE CORRIDOR

HERE are journalists, and then there are journalists who get that rare prefix, 'legendary'. TJS George belonged to this second order, an endangered tribe these days. Its list of card-holding members got rarer still when the man passed away today, at age 97.

Behind him trails a career in letters that has spanned about as long as the life of the Indian republic, and as varied. From his erudition in Carnatic music that birthed a book on MS Subbulakshmi, and others on VK Krishna Menon as well as Nargis, it also contained landmarks in good old-fashioned print journalism, such as being the founding editor of *Asiaweek* in Hong Kong back in the 1970s—an act of pan-Asia ecumenism that would have resonated well today.

That such an eminence was a living presence in the offices of *The New Indian Express* till the other day was a matter of honour and delight equally for all of us here. It was only in June 2022 that he laid his pen to rest after writing his last column, the Sunday Point of View, in his inimitable, no-holds-barred style—sharp, ironic, fearless. Over 25 years, he contributed 1,300 columns for these pages.

Politicians, judges and powerful people feared and respected his pen, and treaded carefully around him. He was famously unpredictable. In our Bangalore office, when a VVIP dropped by wanting to meet him, we would exchange nervous glances. If it was his column-writing hour—always longhand, pen on paper—he would refuse to meet them, however important they might be.

Siddaramaiah, the current chief minister, had a taste of that brusqueness when TJS admonished him in a humorous, schoolmasterly way on one such visit—for wasting time in a newspaper office instead of working among the people! No one took offence. Once at a function in Mysore, SM Krishna, then External Affairs Minister, vacated his seat for TJS when he saw him standing, but characteristically he refused.

Such was the awe he inspired among Union ministers, high court judges, chief ministers. Even when his columns were scathing, the powerful usually held their peace—it was only their sycophants who protested. He had opinions, he took stands, and never wavered, even when it led to sedition charges in earlier years. The only man he openly admired was our founder, Ramnath Goenka.

"I have no god," he would often say. A non-believer, or rather a believer only in humanity, and in journalism as a calling. He taught generations of journalists the importance of precision in language, and of calling a spade a spade. Outside the newsroom, George had deep interests in cities and food. He was fascinated by urban planning—often comparing the systematic grid of New York, where he and his beloved wife Ammu lived during his UN years, with the chaos of Bangalore's house numbering. In his last few years, he spent his winters in Coimbatore, leaving the chaos of Bangalore behind him, to "best idlis, dosas and coffee". P2, P9

Stern Army, IAF warning to Pak

India won't show restraint next time, says Army Chief; Pak lost 12-13 aircraft during Operation Sindoor



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— Army Chief Gen Udaya Dwivedi



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Air Chief A P Singh

MAYANK SINGH @ New Delhi

TWO service chiefs on Friday used strong language to put Pakistan on notice, a day after Union defence minister Rajnath Singh said any misadventure from across the border in the Sir Creek sector will invite a decisive response.

Addressing soldiers in Rajasthan, Army chief General Udaya Dwivedi said Pakistan should stop sponsoring terrorism on its soil if it wants to retain its place on world map.

"India practised restraint during Operation Sindoor 1.0, but this time we won't. This time we will take a step forward and act in a manner that will make Pakistan think whether it wants to remain on world map or not," he warned.

In Delhi, Air Chief Marshal AP Singh told the media ahead of the annual Air Force Day that the IAF destroyed around 12-13 aircraft during the Operation Sindoor, which included Chinese-made JF17s and F-16s procured from the US. He described Islamabad's claim of India's losses as fanciful stories (*Manohar Kahaniyan*).

Recalling the widespread destruction of Pakistani military assets both in the air and on the ground during Operation Sindoor in May, he said, "radars at least in four places, command



and control centres at two places, runways damaged at two places, three of their hangars in three different stations damaged... we have signs of one C-130 class of aircraft and at least 4-5 fighter aircraft (in one strike), most likely F-16s, because that place happened to be F-16 base with whatever was under maintenance at that time."

Besides, one SAM (Surface to Air Missile) system was destroyed in Pakistan. "We have clear evidence of one long-range strike of more than 300 km, which happened to be either an AEW&C (Airborne Early Warning and Control System) or a SigNit aircraft. Along with that five hi-tech fighters between F-16 and JF 17 class (were shot down)—this is what our system tells us," the Air Chief said.

He refused to reveal India's losses during Op Sindoor. "Let them find out," he said.

India flags PoK rights violation amid unrest

JAYANTH JACOB @ New Delhi

REACTING strongly to the ongoing unrest in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK), India on Thursday called on the international community to hold Pakistan accountable for its "horrific human rights violations" and systemic exploitation of the region under its illegal occupation.

External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal condemned the Pakistani military's brutal crackdown on protesters across multiple areas of PoK. "We have seen reports on protests in several areas of Pakistan-occupied Jammu & Kashmir, including brutalities by Pakistani forces on innocent civilians. We believe this is a natural consequence of Pakistan's oppressive approach and systemic plundering of resources from these territories," Jaiswal said.

"Pakistan must be held accountable for its horrific human rights violations," he said.

For over a week now, large-scale protests led by the Awami Action Committee (AAC) have swept across PoK, with Rawalakot, Mirpur, Kotli and Neelum Valley among the worst-hit. The region has witnessed a complete shutdown, with businesses closed and transport services paralysed in what has been described as the largest civil uprising in PoK in recent years.

The AAC has accused the Shehbaz Sharif government of denying fundamental rights to the people of the region, demanding an end to what it calls institutional discrimination. The protests have also raised calls for the abolition of 12 reserved seats in the PoK legislative assembly allocated to Kashmiri refugees living in Pakistan—seen by many as a tool to manipulate regional politics.

The situation is volatile, with reports confirming at least 10 protest-related deaths and a near-total suspension of internet and mobile services to suppress the unrest.

EXPRESS READ

Trump wants Hamas to agree to deal by Sunday

DEIR AL-BALAH (GAZA STRIP): US President Donald Trump said on Friday that Hamas must agree to a proposed peace deal by Sunday evening, threatening an even greater military onslaught nearly two years into the war sparked by the October 7 attack into Israel. Meanwhile, his peace plan has been accepted by Israel, and welcomed internationally | P12

JDS will ally with BJP in local body polls: Gowda

BENGALURU: Former prime minister and JDS supremo HD Deve Gowda on Friday said his party's alliance with the BJP will continue in all future elections, including local bodies ZP/TP and the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA), and Assembly polls in Karnataka. He asserted that nobody can shake his relationship with Prime Minister Narendra Modi | P4

AND THE AWARD GOES TO...

'Doddahatti Boregowda' wins top honour in State Film Awards

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'DODDAHATTI Boregowda', directed by Raghu KM, won 'Best Film' at the Karnataka State Film Awards for 2021. The awards, which were announced on Friday—celebrating the best of Kannada cinema—also saw '777 Charlie' being adjudged the Second Best Film, while 'Bisilu Kudure' was chosen as Third Best Film. 'Bharata Prajagalada Naavu' (We, the Citizens of India) won 'Best Film with a Social Concern', while 'Yuvathana' was named 'Best Popular Entertaining Film', and 'Cake' won 'Best Children's Film'.

In the performance categories, Rakshit Shetty won 'Best Actor' for '777 Charlie', and Archana Jois was awarded



A still from Doddahatti Boregowda

'Best Actress' for 'Mute'. The Best Supporting Actor awards - male and female - went to Pramod (Ratnan Prapancha) and Umashree (Ratnan Prapancha), respectively.

Among debut directors, 'Ba-

dava Rascal' by Shankar Guru was recognised as 'Best First Film'. 'Nada Peda Asha' (Kodava language) bagged 'Best Regional Language Film of Karnataka'.

On the writing front, Manjunath Muniyappa received 'Best Story' (9 Sullu Kathagalu), Raghu KM won 'Best Screenplay' (Doddahatti Boregowda), and Baraguru Ramachandrappa got 'Best Dialogues' (Thaayi Kasthur Gandhi).

In the technical section, Bhuvanesh Prabhu won 'Best Cinematography' (Amme Samsara - Konkani), Imtiyaz Sultan bagged 'Best Music Director' (Bisilu Kudure), and Prateek Shetty was awarded 'Best Editing' (777 Charlie). Child artistes Master Atish Shetty (Cake) and Baby Bhairavi (Bhairavi) were also honoured. P2



ORANGE SKY

People watch a fire burn at a Chevron refinery in El Segundo, California. A big explosion around 10 pm local time on Thursday produced a large orange blaze that could be seen from miles away | AFP

US Senators question the hiring practices of TCS, nine other firms



H-1B hires

The Senators specifically asked the tech firms why they were hiring foreign workers under H-1B despite layoffs in the US tech sector

SANAL SUDEVAN @ Chennai

TWO US Senators have shot off a letter to the Tata Consultancy Services (TCS), raising concerns about its hiring practices in the US and questioning its rationale for filing thousands of H-1B visa petitions after allegedly laying off local staff.

Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Charles Grassley and ranking member Richard Durbin also questioned Cognizant, Amazon, Apple, Deloitte, Google, JPMorgan Chase, Meta, Microsoft, and Walmart, seeking details of their recruitment

practices and wage parity between H-1B visa holders and American employees.

In their letter to TCS CEO Krithi Krithivasan on September 24, Grassley and Durbin flagged "troubling employment trends" in the tech sector.

"Earlier this year, the *Wall Street Journal* reported that the tech sector's unemployment rate was 'well above' the overall jobless rate," read the letter addressed to Krithivasan.

Among Indian tech firms, TCS is the biggest beneficiary of H-1B visa with 5,005 approvals so far in 2025.